

Amendment to the Claims:

1 (currently amended): A hot melt adhesive comprising

a radial block copolymer (PS-PI-PB)_nX wherein PS is ~~polystyrene~~ polystyrene, PI is polyisoprene and PB is polybutadiene, X is the residue of a multifunctional coupling agent used in the production of the radial block copolymer, and n is equal to or greater than 3 and represents the number of PS-PI-PB arms appended to X, said radial block copolymer having a styrene content of from about 25 wt % to about 50 wt %.

a linear block copolymer, and

a tackifying resin,

wherein, based on the weight of the adhesive composition, the radial block copolymer is present in amounts of from about 15 wt % to about 35 wt %, the linear polymer is present in amounts up to about 20 wt %, the tackifying resin is present in amounts of from about 30 to about 70 wt %.

2 (original): The adhesive of claim 1 in which the number average molecular weight of each arm of said radial block copolymer is from about 30,000 to about 95,000.

3 (original): The adhesive of claim 2 wherein the radial block copolymer has a di-block percentage of less than about 25 %.

4 (original): The adhesive of claim 3 wherein the radial block copolymer has a di-block percentage of less than about 20 %.

5 (canceled)

6 (original): The adhesive of claim 1 wherein said linear block copolymer is styrene-isoprene-styrene, styrene-butadiene-styrene, styrene-isobutylene styrene, styrene-b-ethylene/butylene-b-styrene, and/or styrene-b-ethylene/propylene-b-styrene.

7 (original): The adhesive of claim 1 wherein n between about 3 and about 6.

8 (original): The adhesives of claim 1 further comprising a wax, said wax being present in an amount of less than about 5 wt %

9 (original): The adhesive of claim 1 further comprising a liquid plasticizer, said plasticizer being present in amounts of less than about 20 wt %.

10 (currently amended): An article of manufacture comprising a hot melt adhesive and a substrate, wherein

said hot melt adhesive comprises

a radial block copolymer (PS-PI-PB)_nX wherein PS is polystyrene ~~polystyrene~~, PI is polyisoprene and PB is polybutadiene, X is the residue of a multifunctional coupling agent used in the production of the radial block copolymer, and n is equal to or greater than 3 and represents the number of PS-PI-PB arms appended to X, , said radial block copolymer having a styrene content of from about 25 wt % to about 50 wt %,

a linear block copolymer, and

a tackifying resin,

wherein, based on the weight of the adhesive composition, the said radial block copolymer is present in amounts of from about 15 wt % to about 35 wt %, the linear polymer is present in amounts up to about 20 wt %, the tackifying resin is present in amounts of from about 30 to about 70 wt %, and

said substrate comprises an elastomeric fiber.

11 (original): The article of claim 10 which is a disposable elastic article.

12 (original): The article of claim 11 which is a diaper.

13-14 (canceled)